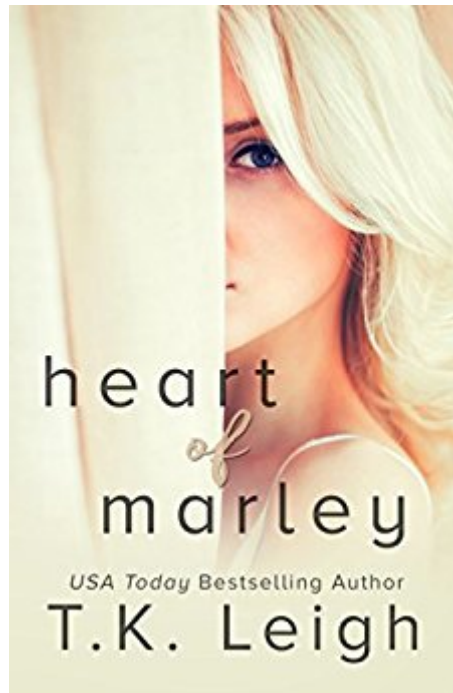




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Synopsis

HEART OF MARLEY IS A STAND-ALONE NOVEL. RECOMMENDED FOR MATURE READERS DUE TO STRONG LANGUAGE, SEXUAL SITUATIONS, AND VIOLENCE. To the moon and back — From the stars to the ocean — That was Marley and Cameron Bowen —,s secret code. Twins born just five minutes apart, they have the perfect life — Until tragedy strikes just weeks after their eighth birthday and their father is killed by a drunk driver. Having trouble coping with the loss of her soul mate, their mother tries to find comfort in drugs and alcohol — And an abusive man with a penchant for underage girls. No longer able to stand listening to his sister —,s screams and cries every night for nearly three years, Cam takes matters into his own hands and they —,re finally able to escape the nightmare. They —,re finally able to start over — But the nightmare still haunts Marley. The years go on and she is forced to put on a smile, making everyone think that she is the perfect, well-adjusted teenager that she is supposed to be — Until she is faced with a painful reminder of her past during her senior year of high school and she —,s no longer able to keep on the mask that she has been compelled to wear.

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Customer Reviews

This is my second review of Heart of Marley. I just can't let it go. After passing this incredible story along to my seventeen year old daughter to read, I am completely amazed by the changes in her because of this book. Not only did this story change her, inside and out, but she is still passing this book around her high school to all of her friends who are all vying for their turn to read it. The impact T.K. Leigh has made on a community of teenagers is bigger than I think even she may realize. In my opinion, Heart of Marley should be a REQUIRED READ for all teenagers and even their parents. I don't think this book was written specifically for teens, in fact, it is recommended for those 18 and over, but I believe all teenagers should read this; most especially if such teens are struggling through any type of depression or suicidal thoughts and/or behaviors. Can I give this book a ten star rating?? It is more than well deserved! Please, please share this story. You won't be sorry. This is the only book I've ever gone back to review a second time because I just feel so very strongly about the impact this can and will make on anyone who reads it. Oh! Don't forget the tissues. Tiffany from Have You Heard Book Blog Gripping! Suspenseful! Funny! Heart wrenching! Must read! SIX STAR NOVEL! I am still speechless as I turn the last page in this heart-breaking novel, Heart of Marley by T.K. Leigh. Wow. This is the story of where it all begins for Cam and Marley, twins who were the best of friends and literally joined at the hip. Cam is a strong caretaker of Marley from the beginning. He's always watching out for her, leaving everything and everyone at the drop of a tear or a silent scream from Marley. Marley is broken, abused, haunted and exploited from an early age, living with a deep, residing pain that she hides behind her smiles. You will fall in love with her quick wit, her spunk and her complete devotion to her twin brother, Cam. Heart of Marley is a story that will make you laugh, make you cry, anger you, intrigue you and most definitely make you break down and cry. The author writes this story in such detail that I literally felt like my own heart was breaking. Books don't often make me cry or hurt deep within me, but Heart of Marley absolutely broke me. T.K. Leigh genuinely portrays just how deeply child abuse can reside within the victim for all of their life, as well as those who suffer with them, as Cam does for Marley. T.K. cares about her characters and has a flawless way of bringing their every emotion, disappointments, hopes, dreams and so much more, to life in such a dramatic way that it is almost as though I was one (or all, at times) of her characters. Are you sure these people aren't real?! This is definitely a book I will read again and

again. And, again. Heart of Marley is a stand-alone novel. With that being said, I highly recommend that you also read Heart of Light, which is also a stand-alone novel, for even more excitement involving a few of the characters in Heart of Marley. I can't give this book enough praise, nor can I emphasize enough just how deeply moved I have been by living this story, one word at a time. There will be a certain place in this story where you will just break down and you just will. No doubt about it. Don't miss the chance to read this story as it will be one of those you long to have a signed copy of on your home bookshelf. Way better than a mere 5 star book!!

The bond between twins has always intrigued me. Of all siblings, twins have an unexplainable, not to be copied, connection. A bond that can't be broken. Never once have I met a twin that doesn't have a close relationship with the other. Cameron and Marley are no exception. They love each other either fiercely. They are there for one another unconditionally. Marley takes care of Cameron and Cameron takes care of Marley. No one told them they had to. It's what they do. This story is beautifully written. It's a story of love, loss, hardships and tragedy. TK takes us through their senior year of high school and Lord knows we all remember the awkwardness of our teen years. Relationships, broken hearts. Imagine throwing in abuse. Something no child should have to go through. Then throw in the small southern town where secrets are swept under the rug. Appearances take precedence over your well-being. This story reminds us that not everyone lives in sunshine and roses. Just because someone looks happy on the outside doesn't mean their life is perfect. You never know what goes on behind closed doors. I applaud TK for writing this type of book. Maybe it will help someone in a similar situation. Maybe it will open the eyes of someone who knows someone like Marley and can help. So, grab your tissues and dive into one of the most powerfully emotional books of 2014. TK knows how to pull your heart strings and shake your emotions to the core. She is an amazing author and she has done it again!!!

Looking for a gut wrenching, story that will keep you on your toes the entire length of the book? Heart of Marley is it! This book is different than T.K. Leigh's previous books as it centers around teenagers, but that doesn't mean the agony, and heart wrenching moments do not exist, I think they are more prominent in this book than in any of her other books so far! We already know Cam (unless you've been living under a rock and haven't read Heart of Light), but this is his twin sister, Marley's story. The things that Marley has gone through are horrifying and heart breaking. She puts on a

facade that she is ok and moving on from the things that happened in her past, but Cam knows better and knows the true Marley. I loved this story, and truly think it is my favorite of T.K. Leigh's so far. The ups and downs of the things that Marley goes through make you want to keep reading hoping everything will finally work out for her, and she can finally move on with her life. In this book you will laugh some, cry a lot, and have your heart broken on more than one occasion. I loved the dynamic between Cam and his sister, and I think my heart broke for Cam. The writing in this book will pull you in and make you feel the happiness and the pain that these characters go through. This book will stay with you long after it has been finished, and you will still feel the pain of the loss in this book well after finishing. I absolutely loved this book and can't wait to see what T.K. Leigh has in store for us next!

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